

b) a vendor station having computer means for the transmission and receipt of vendor-type information to or from said central data center for conducting a transaction; and database storage components for receiving and storing said transaction information sent from said user station via said central data center; and

c) said central data center electronically connected to said user station and said vendor station and including a computer processor for centralized transmitting, receipt of and storage of said transaction information and said vendor-type information with said user station and said vendor station; and a network interface for electronically connecting and making compatible said computer means at said vendor station and the videophone at said user station.

14. A videophone system in accordance with Claim 1, further including an encryption encoder and a decryption decoder for safeguarding said transaction information sent or received.

15. A videophone system in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said computer processor is electronically connected to one or more telephones at said central data center and a display screen for monitoring said transactions.

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C 16. A videophone system in accordance with Claim 1, further including an interface network for making said vendor station computer means compatible with said computer processor at said central data center.

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17. A videophone system in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said videophone further includes a memory chip for storing of said transaction information, a proprietary interface chip for interfacing with said central data center, an expanded touch pad for sending additional detailed information, and a pointer for use on the videophone monitor screen.

C 18. A videophone system in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said user station further includes a printer for printing out said transaction information and said transactions, and wherein said means for inputting said transaction information is a touch pad.

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C 19. A videophone system in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said vendor station includes a video system for transmitting a visual representation of vendor products or services.

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C 20. A videophone system in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said vendor station computer means is electronically connected to modems, telephones, videophones, printers, and work stations for sending out said vendor-type information.

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21. A videophone system in accordance with Claim 1X, wherein
said central data center further includes personnel work stations
for technicians and for vendor and user applications.

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22. A videophone system in accordance with Claim 1X, wherein
said central data center further includes database storage
components for video transmission and for storage of said
transaction information and said vendor-type information.

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23. A videophone system in accordance with Claim 1X, wherein
said central data center further includes buffer components for the
holding of said transaction and vendor-type information to be
processed.

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24. A videophone system in accordance with Claim 1X, wherein
said computer processor at said central data center is further
connected to networks, modems, videophones, printers, and fax
machines for the transmission of said vendor-type information and
said transaction information with said user station and with said
vendor station.

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25. A videophone interactive mailbox facility system
including a central data center for processing of information to
conduct a transaction, comprising:

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a) a user station having a videophone for viewing transaction information sent or received to conduct a transaction; and means for inputting said transaction information into said videophone; and

b) said central data center electronically connected to said user station and including a computer processor for centralized transmitting, receipt of and storage of said transaction information and said vendor-type information with said user station; database storage components for receiving and storing said transaction information sent from said user station; and a network interface for electronically connecting and making said computer processor compatible with said user station.

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26. A videophone interactive mailbox facility system including a central data center for processing of information, comprising:

a) a user station having a videophone for viewing information sent or received; and means for inputting said information into said videophone;

b) a vendor station having computer means for the transmission and receipt of vendor-type information to or from said central data center; and database storage components for receiving and storing said information sent from said user station via said central data center; and

c) said central data center electronically connected to said user station and said vendor station and including a computer processor for centralized transmitting, receipt of and storage of said information and said vendor-type information with said user station and said vendor station; and a network interface for electronically connecting and making compatible said computer means at said vendor station and the videophone at said user station.

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Confidential* 27. A videophone interactive mailbox facility system including a central data center for processing of information, comprising:

a) a user station having a videophone for viewing information sent or received; and means for inputting said information into said videophone; and

b) said central data center electronically connected to said user station and including a computer processor for centralized transmitting, receipt of and storage of said information and ~~said~~ vendor-type information with said user station; database storage components for receiving and storing said information sent from said user station; and a network interface for electronically connecting and making said computer processor compatible with said user station.

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